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**Inquiry:** I would like to know the Board's position on the legality of Medical Assistants giving nebulizer treatments. As I understand it, Medical Assistants can be trained to give nebulizer treatments if a physician is present in the facility. The hospital I work for is preparing (and has asked me to participate) to train more Medical Assistants to perform this procedure. Does this put me in jeopardy?

**Response:** We would recommend that you contact the California Medical Board for their opinion. It is their section of the Professional and Business Code that makes reference to the question you have raised. Their contact information is provided below for your convenience:

**Medical Board of California**  
1426 Howe Avenue # 54  
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*This determination does not constitute a declaratory decision under the comprehensive provisions of Government Code sections 11465.10 - 11465.70.*